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Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 11:30 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: After reading the recommendations, I thought there were some very good options. The crux is that with the current staffing needs, this holds everything up. It's beyond the licensing unit who are doing their best under the strained circumstances, it's beyond the Board who are also doing their best despite having a shortage within their own rankings. Follow the money, up to the state level. That is where the problem lies. Limited funds are passed on, all the major Boards are crammed together under an organization that treats them as an afterthought. We need our own independent entity in order to function effectively and proactively. Wouldbe clients are suffering, practioners are suffering, interns are suffering, and folks looking to get into the MH profession are getting deterred.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I voted on that "special session" day in regards to the BHEC, brought 4 other MH practitioners with me!! But it didn't pass. The vote took place during the weekday at the State capitol, with limited parking. That makes it difficult for most people to show out. The Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) is the best option to address the current issues.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree